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STATE BUDGET UPDATE

The State Budget Conference Committee will begin the task of finalizing the 2001-02 spending plan on Sunday, June 3, 2001 at 4 p.m. The conferees are Assembly Members Tony Cardenas (Chair), Carole Migden, George Runner, and Senators Steve Peace, Jack O'Connell, and Dick Ackerman.

Capital sources indicate that Senator Wes Chesbro will be attending the Conference Committee as the Senate's alternate Conferee. In past years, this technique has been used to ensure that continuity and institutional knowledge is preserved as much as possible in this era of term limits. As of this time, the Assembly has not appointed an alternate Conferee.

A new development which could delay the timely enactment of a budget by July 1, is the Governor's signal to Republicans to vote for the immediate sale of bonds for power purchases rather than waiting until mid-August, or run the risk of losing key Republican issues in the final Budget Act. Republicans have indicated that they will not vote for the budget until it has a more prudent reserve, the current 4.75% state sales tax is maintained and not increased in January 2002, as proposed by the Governor, and funding targeted for transportation programs is reinstated.

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We will continue to keep you advised.

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